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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: *Washington Utilities & Transp. Comm'n v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.*
Docket UG-152286

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On July 7, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 04 Final Order Approving Settlement Agreement (Order 04) in the above-referenced docket. Order 04, among other things, required Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade, or the Company) to file an annual report with the Commission in this docket regarding the Company's Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) program by January 15 of each year.¹ The annual report should include the actual program cost, including support provided to customers, reimbursement for community action agencies' program delivery cost, and Cascade's administrative costs for WEAF as well as a program budget.

On January 15, 2020, Cascade filed with the Commission its WEAF annual report in compliance with Order 04 and the Joint Settlement Agreement. The report included information on program budget, funding level, outreach activities, actual spending in 2018-2019 program year and an outlook in the next program year. It is worth noting that Cascade has increased the income eligibility threshold to 200 percent of federal poverty line for the 2019-2020 program year.

¹ *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.*, Docket UG-152286, Appendix A to Order 04 - Joint Settlement Agreement at 11, ¶34 (Jul. 7, 2016).

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Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the Company's annual report dated January 15, 2020, and finds that it contains sufficient information with respect to WEAFF. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 04.

Sincerely,

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